(b) if so, the number of hours given for broadcasting the tribal language programmes like Gondee and Korkee; and

(c) the number of hours allotted to broadcasting agricultural, sanitary and health related subjects for the rural education during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Betul, being a Local Radio Station, broadcasts programmes in the principal language of the area i.e. Hindi. In addition, folk music in Gondee is also broadcast for 20 minutes on an average every week regularly. No programme is broadcast in Korkee.

(c) During the last 3 years, the Station broadcast everyday a programme of 30 minutes duration devoted to agriculture, health, sanitation, and related subjects.

[Translation]

Telephone Facility in Hospitals in U.P.

4235. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals in U.P. which have been provided free telephone so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide 'trip facility' during 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Sir. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

TDM, Ghaziabad

4236. COL. RAO RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the office of Telecom Divisional Manager, Ghaziabad is functioning;

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade the office of TDM to GMT;

(c) since when the present GMT Ghaziabad is posted and the number of telephones provided in Ghaziabad since the TDM's office started functioning; and

(d) the details of the transfer order of A.E.'s issued during the regime of the present GMT and the reasons for so many transfers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The office of TDM Ghaziabad was functioning from April 1986 to October, 1990.

(b) The office of TDM Ghaziabad was upgraded to G.M. Telecom Ghaziabad in October, 1990.

(c) The present GMT is posted at Ghaziabad from 30.1.1996 and number of telephones provided in Ghaziabad since the TDM office started working is 1,05,689.

(d) The details of the transfer of AEs issued during the regime of present GMT alongwith the reasons are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Regarding: Transfer of A.E.'s

Total 47 transfer orders have been issued and all are in the interest of service due to vast expansion of Ghaziabad Telecom. Net-work and installation of new technology equipments including transmission media. Main reasons for transfers are detailed below: (Total 47 officers were effected).

No. of transfer	Reason
6.	To the interest of training including foreign training.
6.	In the interest of installation of new technology equipments.
6.	De to creation of new posts.
1.	Due to commissioning of new exchanges.
1.	Due to retirement of AE's.
8.	Vacancy caused due to promotion of AE's/ ADE's to D.E.,
A.	Most of the transfer orders have been issued at the same stations and in the same buildings to avoid disturbance to the officers.
B.	Not a single representation against any of the transfer orders from any officer has been received so far.

Safety in Mines

4237. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the effectiveness of mine safety arrangements and standards;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the review;

(c) the details of recommendations made at 27th International Conference on safety in mines research institutes; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) A sub-committee of the consultative committee of the Ministry of Labour which